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SUBJECT: "CANDIDATES" OR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF ANGOLA

1. SO FAR SEVERAL NAMES HAVE SURFACED AS POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR GOVGEN. SOME GENTLE POLITICKING UNDERWAY IN FAVOR OF ONE OR ANOTHER.

2. MOST OFTEN MENTIONED IS EMILIO SIMOES DE ABREU, ONCE TREASURY CHIEF HERE. WHITE, CHAMPIONED BY OLDER SEPARATIST ELEMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN SA DA BANDEIRA. YOUNGER LUANDA BUSINESSMEN DISMISS ABREU AS "ELDERLY," "OLD-FASHIONED," AND "RACIST."

3. ANOTHER FREQUENTLY CITED IS JOSE PINHEIRO DA SILVA, PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OF EDUCATION 1964-72. MESTIZO, BUT REPORTEDLY WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR FOLLOWING AMONG ANGOLANOS.

4. MAY 20 PRESS CITING LISBON NEWS REPORTS NAMES JULIO CASTRO LOPO, HEAD OF JUDICIARY POLICE, AS "CANDIDATE OF ANGOLANS." WE HAVE IN FACT HEARD CASTRO LOPO'S NAME INCREASINGLY MENTIONED AMONG PROFESSIONALS ESPECIALLY MESTIZOS. (CASTRO LOPO, HIMSELF MESTIZO, IS BEST KNOWN PERSONALLY TO US OF ALL CITED. HE IS ACCEPTED CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT SCHEDULED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EARLY 75.)

5. OTHERS WHOSE NAMES HAVE CIRCULATED ARE EX-GOVERNOR OF GOA VASSALO DA SILVA (DISCOUNTED BECAUSE OF HIS AGE); JEN PRESIDENT KAULZA DE ARRIAGE (SEEMS EXCEEDINGLY UNLIKELY AS HE IS KNOWN ULTRA-RIGHTIST); AND FORMER GOVGEN SILVINO SILVERIO MARQUES (BROTHER OF JUNTA MEMBER), THOUGH CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE HE WILL BE NAMED TO JOB IN MOZAMBIQUE INSTEAD.

6. MIN INTERTERRITORIAL AFFAIRS ALMEIDA SANTOS IS SUPPOSED TO VISIT ANGOLA FOR THREE DAYS FOLLOWING TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. QUESTION IS ALREADY BEING ASKED HERE WHETHER HE WILL BRING NEWS OF WHO NEW GOVGEN WILL BE.
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